

COUNCIL OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

To: The Chairman and Members of the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year ending 31st December, 1950.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	4,041 acres
Population	1,800
Number of families	520 approx.
Rateable Value	£6,337
Sum represented by one penny rate	£24

Vital Statistics

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births (Legitimate)	12	13	25
(Illegitimate)	1	Nil	1
Still Births (Legitimate)	Nil	Nil	Nil
(Illegitimate)	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Total	13	13	26
Deaths of Infants under one year of age	Nil	Nil	Nil
Transferable Deaths to this area	Nil	1	1
Deaths	8	5	13

	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Birth Rate	14.44	21.67
Death Rate	7.22	14.44

Cause of Death in the cases who died on these islands:

A Diseases of the Heart and Blood Vessels

i	Myocardial degeneration due to rheumatic endocarditis	..	2
ii	Fatty degeneration of the heart due to obesity	1
iii	Myocardial degeneration due to uraemia due to acute nephritis		1
iv	Heart block due to arteriosclerosis	1
v	Myocardial degeneration due to malignant hypertension	..	<u>1</u>

Total number of Deaths due to diseases of the heart and blood vessels 6

B Diseases of the Central Nervous System

i	Paralysis agitans	1
ii	Cerebral haemorrhage due to cerebral arteriosclerosis		<u>1</u>

Total number of Deaths due to diseases of the central nervous system 2

C Diseases of the Chest

i	Bronchopneumonia due to carcinomia of the oesophagus	1
ii	Bronchopneumonia due to chronic bronchitis and arteriosclerosis		1
iii	Lobar pneumonia	<u>1</u>

Total number of Deaths due to diseases of the chest 3

D Genito-Urinary system

i	Uraemia due to irinary retention due to prostatic enlargement		1
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E	<u>Suicide</u>	1
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Cause of Death in the transferable case

i	Bronchopneumonia due to infantile eczema	1
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Notifiable Diseases

Tuberculosis	1	(respiratory)
Measles	Nil	
Scarlet Fever	Nil	
Diphtheria	Nil	
Whooping Cough	7	
Pneumonia	13	
Erysipelas	1	

Maternity and Child Welfare

Ante-natal and post-natal examinations are carried out at the Welfare Centres on St. Mary's and Tresco. Full use is being made of the centres. Dental care is now very satisfactory and priority is given to expectant and nursing mothers.

Number of mothers who attended for ante-natal examination	29
Total number of examinations made	152
Number of mothers who attended for post-natal examination	30
Total number of attendances made by children between one and five years of age	852

Vaccination and Immunisation

	<u>Under 1 yr.</u>	<u>1-4 yrs.</u>	<u>5-14 yrs.</u>	<u>15 and over</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Vaccinated</u>	4	6	22	13	45
<u>Revaccinated</u>	Nil	Nil	4	9	13
<u>Immunised</u>	2	Nil	1	Nil	3
<u>Reinforced</u>	1				

I am of the opinion that this low figure in immunisation is due to the fact that the poliomyelitis epidemic of 1949 and 1950 has deterred parents from having their children immunised.

Food Poisoning

There were no outbreaks during the year.

Water Supply

This is satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. KELLY, M.B., B.Ch.

